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SUBJECT: HONDURAN ATMOSPHERICS - IRAQ

1. Moderate Daily El Heraldito 3/22 - Article on a forum for students on the conflict in Iraq sponsored by the youth of the Democratic Unification Party (a leftist party made up of the remnants of the Socialists and Communist parties of the 1980s). Among the speakers was Carlos Reyes of the Bloque Popular (an NGO representing labor unions and other group opposed to globalization) and UD party members. "The invasion of Iraq is part of a global [U.S.] strategy of gaining economic, political and military hegemony over the world. Economically, the main project is FTAA, through which the U.S. seeks to challenge the EU and Japan; politically, the plan is to get rid of independent regimes and opposition movements; and the military is the means that will be used to achieve the other goals." According to the president of the UD, this is "a war without humanitarian ends, one that "strengthens imperialism." He also called the U.S. "the number one enemy of the people of the world."

Note: The Bloque Popular organized a small demonstration yesterday (250 people) in front of the U.S., Spanish and British Embassies and UN Headquarters to protest the war.

2. "El Heraldito" 3/22 - Honduran Secretary of State Guillermo Perez Cadalso said, "Latin America has taken a step backwards in the priority list of the United States. George Bush's promise that this would be 'the century of the Americas' has been put on hold since September 11.. The war will create problems in the already fragile relationship between Latin-American countries, especially those that opposed the war, and the United States."

3. "El Heraldito" 3/22 - ran a page of political comment on the war in drawings. One was entitled Remember Vietnam and featured a likeness of the child burned by Napalm who was filmed running down the road and a U.S. soldier. Another was entitled "Blood for Oil." A third features the letters UN (ONU) decorating a roll of toilet paper.

4. "El Heraldito" 3/24 - carried seven pages reporting on the war against Iraq. Among the headlines are: "Missile Rains over Baghdad," "Enraged battles," "Baghdad's defense is On," "Life Goes On for Iraqi People After the Bombs," "Russia Accused of Helping Iraq by Providing Electronic Technology to Guide Missiles," "War from different angles" (this is a picture gallery showing U.S. as well as Iraqi soldiers), "More Demonstrations Against the War Around the World."

5. "El Heraldito" 3/24 - Political cartoon shows a motorist asking a gasoline station attendant to "fill the tank with Iraqi blood, please."

6. San Pedro Sula-based liberal party paper "La Prensa" 3/22 - featured an image of the attack last Friday on the cover. It also carried seven pages of stories and images on Iraq. Cover headlines: "Devastating;" other headlines "Impact and Terror;" "Day A: Third Day of War;" "Like a Movie;" "U.S. Army Negotiated Before Attacking;" "Saddam: alive or dead?" "Nights of panic for Iraqi people."

7. "La Prensa" 3/22 - political cartoonist Daro Banegas shows President Bush holding three signs, two of them against abortion and cloning, and the third one supporting war.

8. "La Prensa" 3/23 - cover story featured a picture of a demonstration in Bangladesh entitled "More Protests." The newspaper carried nine pages on the war, including the following headlines: "Basra Besieged," "Burning Oil in Kuwait," "U.S. Government is Unsure if Iraq Will Use Weapons of Mass Destruction," "The Day After in Baghdad," There might be Difficult Days: General Frank," "ONU Expects More than 600,000 Refugees."

9. "La Prensa" 3/24 - carried 14 pages of coverage on the war, focusing on the U.S. POWs as well as the demonstration supporting the war in Washington.

10. Liberal "El Tiempo" 3/24 - Carried six pages on the war. The cover shows a picture of U.S. soldiers in Iraq, with "Honduras has not sent troops to Iraq" as the headline.

11. "El Tiempo" 3/24 - cartoon by political cartoonist Dumont entitled, "The Oscar goes to most stubborn," shows death announcing the Oscar winners. The candidates are

Saddam Hussein and George Bush, who are partially covered by skulls.

112. "El Tiempo" 3/24 - carried a three-page picture gallery on Iraq.

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